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Wayne State University Library and Information Science Program Faculty Member Wins Purdy Award

Wayne State University Library and Information Science Program faculty member Judith J. Field was named the winner of the 2000 G. Flint Purdy Award. The award committee cited her outstanding contributions to Wayne State University and to the profession with special emphasis upon her service as President of the Special Libraries Association.

Judith Field has served as a full time faculty member in the Library and Information Science Program since 1991 and as a part-time faculty member since 1983. Ms. Field is active in several national library organizations, including the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. She regularly contributes articles to professional publications and is a frequent presenter to professional organizations in the state of Michigan and across the country.

"Judy has been an excellent ambassador to increase the recognition of Wayne State University in the state, across the nation, and around the world," commented Robert Holley, Interim Dean of Libraries at Wayne State University. Field was honored a reception held in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library on Wayne State University's campus on Thursday, November 30, 2000.



G. Flint Purdy served as director of the Wayne State University Libraries from 1936-1969. The Purdy award, established in his memory in 1974, celebrates his years of dedicated service and recognizes the outstanding contributions of others to the University Library System. A nominating committee solicits annual nominations of exceptionally qualified faculty members and librarians.

Popular bibliographic software programs now available at Wayne State University

Students and faculty know that one of the most laborious tasks of conducting research is finding and managing large numbers of references. Thanks to a software site-license agreement Wayne State University's Computing & Information Technology (C&IT) Software Clearinghouse negotiated with ISI ResearchSoft, WSU students, faculty, and researchers can now obtain—for free—three of the most popular and useful bibliographic management programs available: EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager.

The University Library System, C&IT's Customer Services Department, and C&IT's Software Clearinghouse are working together to publicize and distribute the software, which is available to the WSU community for a five-year term. Partial funding support from the Student Omnibus Fee made this software site license possible.

What is bibliographic management software?

Bibliographic management software **streamlines the research process**. Students and faculty can easily create, store, and edit references and citations from journal articles, books, dissertations, and other types of materials.

These software tools also **simplify information gathering**. Use them to search online databases (such as Wayne State's Im@gine library system, Lexis/Nexis, Web of Science, or ProMed) and import saved references right into a personal database. This personal database of references can then be sorted, searched, and imported automatically into a research paper—no more messy index cards!

EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager also work with most word processors to **create a bibliography** in any number of standard styles.

What are the differences between these software programs?

Experts at ISI ResearchSoft say the programs can be distinguished from each other in the following ways. **EndNote** is a basic bibliographic utility. Of the three programs, it is the most straightforward and easy-to-use program. **ProCite** began its life as a librarian's research tool. It has the most flexible database of the three programs. **Reference Manager** is considered by the people at ISI to be the "power tool." It is the most sophisticated software package of the three and would benefit those doing advanced scholarly research.

For more information, visit the ISI ResearchSoft Web site (at <http://www.isiresearchsoft.com/>).

Obtaining the software

Computing & Information Technology (C&IT) is coordinating the distribution of EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager on campus. EndNote and ProCite are available for both Macintosh and Windows computers and Reference Manager runs only under Windows.

Currently, WSU students, faculty, and staff can download these bibliographic management programs from C&IT's Download Center on the Web (at <http://support.wayne.edu/down/applications.shtml>), using a WSU AccessID and password for identification. Future distribution plans include a CD-ROM, which will be made available to WSU students, faculty, and staff for free.

Wayne State students and employees can install these programs on a home computer or a WSU-owned office computer. However, they must remove the software from their computers if they leave the university.

Endnote will soon be available on all public access computers in the WSU Libraries.

Demonstrations and Training

Representatives from ISI ResearchSoft will be on campus demonstrating EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at the Science and Engineering Library during its *Info Expo 2001* event being held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Advanced Computing Facility on the lower level of the library.

Faculty and staff training for EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager is being conducted on Wednesday, February 28 (main campus) and Thursday, March 1 (medical campus). To register for a training session, contact Barton Lessin at (313) 577-4373.

For assistance and information

Stay tuned for more information about how to obtain or use these bibliographic management programs. More information regarding distribution and technical support will follow at the end of the month.

From the Interim Dean Robert P. Holley

We want to make life easier for you and for all our users. In a world of complicated forms that you can't understand, feature-rich software that doesn't do what you want it to do, and Internet shopping sites where you can't figure out how to spend your money, we aim at making your library experience both easy and productive. I no longer tolerate complicated instructions to complete simple tasks. Why should I expect library users to wade through pages of instructions just to get started?

We have worked very hard to make our Web site (<http://www.lib.wayne.edu>) easy to navigate and visually attractive. While sections for the individual libraries target the special needs of their user community, each has a similar look-and-feel so that you won't get lost. In the same way, the *Imagine* online catalog is designed to let you complete simple searches with ease while providing advanced features for power users.

In the next column, Professor Martin Newcomb describes how the Web-based online resources purchased by the library increase his research productivity. On the first page, you'll learn that University Libraries are helping distribute bibliographic software that will reduce the pain of creating references and bibliographies.

I must regretfully announce, however, that I don't anticipate anytime soon ways to automatically generate term papers and research. Creating new knowledge is a complex task that University Libraries can simplify around the edges but that will always require hard work by faculty and students.

Check Out the Latest Electronic Resource Information Through *Quick Information Toolkit* Online

Did you know there is an online newsletter that gives a quick glance at what is new in electronic resources in the WSU Library System? *Quick Information Toolkit* gives a brief introduction to such resources as Science Direct. To access *Quick Information Toolkit*, point your browser to www.lib.wayne.edu/dean/newsletters/index.html.

Faculty Member Saves Money and Time through Web-based Research

As a busy scientific researcher and professor of Chemistry at Wayne State University, Martin Newcomb has little spare time to waste on non-productive research. Professor Newcomb remembers a time not too long ago when he would spend a great deal of time and effort looking through journal abstracts and then tracking down full-text articles. Now, he can access these same resources from his desktop through the University Libraries Web site, do a quick key word search and get five times the number of full-text articles — all without leaving his office. Since he began accessing electronic versions of his favorite scientific journals, Newcomb has been able to cancel several expensive journal subscriptions and save money as well as time.

Newcomb is also pleased with the quick turnaround time of scholarly publication on the Web. "One can now access electronic pre-publication releases of articles from many journals; those are the entire papers made available electronically, often more than a month before the hard-copy is printed," comments Newcomb. "The impact of having such early releases has been to compress the time necessary for dissemination of new results and ideas, and it is not uncommon now to see articles containing references to works that appeared in hard-copy only a few months earlier."

While it is important for Newcomb to save money and time, the most significant benefit to his scholarly research on the Web is that he gets more out of the time he spends researching. "Since I am able to access more articles electronically than in paper format, my time is spent more economically than before. I can access thirty or forty papers with a single search as opposed to three or four articles with print subscriptions."

While he has not been able to abandon his reliance on print journals entirely, Martin Newcomb is making the most of his time spent accessing a wide array of important scientific resources available through the University Libraries Web site. To find out which electronic resources the University Libraries provide to students and faculty, visit their Web site at <http://www.lib.wayne.edu/imagine/indexes>.



Professor Martin Newcomb

WSU Press Authors Win Awards

Wayne State University Press is pleased to announce six Press authors have won the Historical Society of Michigan's Award of Merit. The winners are: Sidney Fine, author of *Expanding the Frontiers of Civil Rights: Michigan 1948-1968*; Mark L. Thompson, author of *Graveyard of the Lakes*; John V. Jezierski; author of *Enterprising Images: The Goodridge Brothers, African American Photographers, 1847-1922*; Peter H. Blum, author of *Brewed in Detroit: Breweries and Beers Since 1830*; Nabeel Abraham and Andrew Shryock, editors of *Arab in Detroit: From Margin to Mainstream*; and Kathryn Bishop Eckert, author of *The Sandstone Architecture of the Lake Superior Region*.

In recognition of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Detroit, Detroit 300 honored Wayne State University Press as a Heritage Organization. The Press was honored at a recognition breakfast scheduled for January 31, 2001 at Cobo Hall, and received a specially designed certificate and plaque in its honor. The Press name was inscribed on the Detroit Tricentennial Cup designed by Tiffany & Co., which will be displayed throughout the Metropolitan Detroit region in 2001.

WSU Libraries Benefactor Dies at Age 83

John Mahler, a Wayne State University alumnus, died in January 2001 at 83 years of age. Mr. Mahler was a generous benefactor to Wayne State University and the University Libraries for many years. Most recently he donated funds to create Adaptive Technology Workstations in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library to accommodate the needs of disabled students.

Mr. Mahler worked for Wolf Detroit Envelope Company and later became president before retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife Anne, two sons, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in the spring.



Shiffman Medical Library Helps Prepare Students for High Tech Careers

In the highly competitive world of high technology, aspiring engineers and scientists need an extra edge to be successful in their studies. In order to help local students advance in high tech careers, the WSU Shiffman Medical Library in partnership with the Detroit Medical Center, have joined forces with the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP). DAPCEP's mission is to increase the pool of academically prepared minority students who can pursue a career in engineering, mathematics and science at the college level.

In fall 1999, the Medical Library began offering a Saturday morning hands-on learning program for DAPCEP called *Information Tools 2000*. The program, led by librarian LaVentra Ellis-Danquah, is offered to fifteen to twenty 10th-12th grade local students in the fall and winter terms. In the 6-week course, students spend three hours each week learning how to find useful and high quality information in the sciences and engineering using the Internet and electronic databases. Based on their searching adventures, students learn to apply their new knowledge by using software to design, produce and deliver their own set of effective presentation materials.

Ellis-Danquah feels the course has truly made a difference in the lives of her students. "Information Tools 2000 is helping to close the gap of the digital divide," said Ellis-Danquah. "Most DAPCEP students are highly motivated self-starters with a keen interest in learning new information technologies. Information Tools 2000 gives them the avenue to do just that. The experience has been rewarding both professionally and personally."

Throughout the course, volunteer expert instructors are invited to teach students information and computer literacy skills. Recent guest instructors have included; Ellen Marks, Shiffman Medical Library Director; Noah Abramson, Webmaster for the WSU Library System; Vanessa Middleton, Electronic Services and Research Support Librarian at the Purdy/Kresge Library and Martin Austin, Systems Analyst, DALNET/Technical Services, WSU Library System.



LaVentra Ellis-Danquah

Leaders and experts from the community are also invited to speak about their educational background and careers. These speakers included: Michelle Godfrey, Manufacturing Process Engineer, Ford Motor Company; Daren Hubbard, Remote Access Coordinator, Computing and Information Technology, Wayne State University; and Cleophas Jackson, Engineer, Assessment and Standards Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

David Adamany Undergraduate Library Computer Drop-in Sessions are a Hit with Students

When the Undergraduate Library opened with 700 computers three years ago, library administration knew that an effort needed to be made to teach people how to take advantage of all technology available to patrons. The plan was to create informal "drop in" computer instruction sessions designed specifically for beginning computer users. Former Assistant Director Jeannette Woodward, who was a key person in designing these sessions, began to offer beginning computer classes twice a week to teach basic computer, word processing and Internet skills.

The response to the classes was very positive and attracted not only WSU students, faculty and staff, but also members of the community, alumni and retirees. As the drop-in program grew, the variety of sessions increased and the sessions became more focused and specialized.

WSU retiree Helen Suchara was one of the first students to take a UGL computer workshop and is one of the program's biggest fans. "When I first started taking the classes, I didn't even know how to turn on a computer," recalls Suchara. "Now the classes are part of my life. I keep in touch with all my family through e-mail now. I've also discovered how to download road maps from the Internet and haven't gotten lost since then!" Suchara recruited many of her fellow retirees to take courses, including Barbara Davidson. "I really like to opportunity to ask one on one questions in these classes," comments Davidson. "You get personal attention in these classes."



WSU Retirees Helen Suchara and Barbara Davidson



UGL Computer Drop-in Session student Ed Moore practices his newly-acquired skills.

WSU student and part-time employee Kaukab Usman learned about the computer workshops through a flyer that was posted on campus. "So far I've taken Web Page Design and Power Point," said Usman. "The classes are very convenient for me and have helped me in my classes."

Another faithful UGL computer workshop student is Ed Moore, a State of Michigan employee who makes a special effort to come to the drop-in classes after work. He heard about the classes through a friend and says learning about the Internet "has kept me in touch with reality." He also says the more he learns about computers, the more he realizes there is to learn.

Although Jeannette Woodward has recently retired from her position as assistant director of the Undergraduate Library, she plans to keep in touch with her students via e-mail. The UGL computer workshops are now under the coordination of UGL librarian Diane Sybeldon and will cover such topics as e-books and special electronic database workshops. For a current schedule of UGL computer workshops, visit the David Adamany Libraries' Web site at http://www.lib.wayne.edu/ugl/community/dropin_session_schedule.html.

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Coming Events

Windows on the Arts Schedule

All events take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library's central atrium.

March 1, 2001
WSU Guitar Students Perform

March 8, 2001
Henna Hands: Traditional Body Art
Presented by: Robin Mazhar

April 5, 2001
Music to Relax By
Featuring Popular Guitarist Kevin Patrick

April 12, 2001
Scenes from a Musical

Info Expo 2001
February 27 from 11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
All are welcome to enjoy this unique opportunity to talk with publisher and database vendor representative of science, engineering and nursing information including Ovid, Elsevier, Institute for Scientific Information, MathSci, Alibris, American Physical Society, Marcel Dekker, INSPEC, Biosis, American Chemical Society, IEEE and others.

**The David Adamany Undergraduate Library Presents a
Canadian Film Festival**
Free and Open to the Public

David Adamany Undergraduate Library
Bernath Auditorium
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 1, 2001
The Sweet Hereafter
Director: Atom Egoyan, 1997

As the residents of a remote Canadian town try to cope with the aftermath of a school bus crash that injured dozens and left 14 children dead, they are divided by the arrival of a lawyer who, driven by a tragedy in his own past, encourages them to sue for damages.

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